IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method for expanding terms within a document, comprising:

responsive to user interaction, receiving a document having one or more terms;

responsive to receiving the document and without further user interaction with the document, automatically receiving ~~an~~ a specified annotation file having one or more term expansions, the specified annotation file being specified by the document; ~~and~~

automatically replacing without user interaction, in the document, a term of the one or more terms with a corresponding term expansion from the specified annotation file to form a modified document; and

presenting the modified document as audible speech.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the term comprises an acronym and the corresponding term expansion comprises an expansion of the acronym.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the term comprises a word and the corresponding term expansion comprises a definition of the word.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the term comprises a word in a first language and the corresponding term expansion comprises a translation of the word into a second language.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the term comprises a series of words and the corresponding term expansion comprises an acronym for the series of words.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the document comprises a hypertext markup language document.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the specified annotation file comprises a resource description framework file.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the resource description framework file describes one or more properties, each property having a value.

9.   (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein a property of the one or more properties and the value corresponding to the property describe the expansion terms.

10.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~further comprising displaying the document~~ wherein the method is performed by a plug-in for a web browser.

11.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~further comprising presenting the document as audible speech~~ wherein the step of automatically replacing comprises a step of determining whether to perform the automatically replacing step based upon an identity of a user.

12.   (Currently amended) An apparatus for expanding terms within a document, comprising:

        a communications interface configured to receive a document having one or more terms and receive ~~an~~ a specified annotation file having one or more term expansions, wherein the specified annotation file is specified by the document, and wherein the specified annotation file describes one or more properties, each property having a value, wherein a property of the one or more properties and the value corresponding to the property describe the expansion terms; and

        a transcoder configured to access the document and the specified file and replace, in the document, a term of the one or more terms with a corresponding term expansion from the specified annotation file.

13.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the term comprises an acronym and the corresponding term expansion comprises an expansion of the acronym.

14.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the term comprises a word and the corresponding term expansion comprises a definition of the word.

15.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the term comprises a word in a first language and the corresponding term expansion comprises a translation of the word into a second language.

16.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the term comprises a series of words and the corresponding term expansion comprises an acronym for the series of words.

17.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the document comprises a hypertext markup language document.

18.   (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the <u>specified</u> annotation file comprises a resource description framework file.

19.   (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the resource description framework file <u>comprises at least one flag indicating whether a given term must be replaced by the transcoder</u> ~~describes one or more properties, each property having a value~~.

20.   (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein a <u>user may override the flag indication to disable the term replacement</u> ~~property of the one or more properties and the value corresponding to the property describe the expansion terms~~.

21.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising:
        a display device configured to display the document.

22.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising:
        an audio output device configured to present the document as audible speech.

23.   (Currently amended) A computer program product, in a computer readable medium, for expanding terms within a document, comprising:

instructions for receiving a document having one or more terms;

instructions for receiving an annotation file having one or more term expansions; and

instructions for replacing, in the document, a term of the one or more terms with a corresponding term expansion from the annotation file, wherein the computer program product is a plug-in for a web browser.